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1. Masking device for a flat-screen colour-display cathode-ray tube, of the type comprising a support frame for a tensioned shadow mask and a tensioned shadow mask mounted on the support frame so as to be subjected to tension at room temperature, characterized in that:

- the support frame is made of a hardened Fe-Ni alloy having a thermal expansion coefficient between 20°C and 150°C of less than $5 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$ and a yield stress $R_{p0.2}$ at 20°C of greater than 700 MPa;
 - the tensioned shadow mask is made of an Fe-Ni alloy having a thermal expansion coefficient between 20°C and 150°C of less than $3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$;
- the hardened Fe-Ni alloy of which the support frame is made and the Fe-Ni alloy of which the shadow mask is made being chosen in such a way that:

- below a temperature T_1 , the mean expansion coefficient α_{20-T} , between 20°C and the temperature T , of the hardened Fe-Ni alloy of which the support frame is made is greater than the mean expansion coefficient α_{20-T} , between 20°C and the temperature T , of the Fe-Ni alloy of which the shadow mask is made,
- above the said temperature T_1 , the mean expansion coefficient α_{20-T} , between 20°C and the temperature T , of the hardened Fe-Ni alloy of which the support frame is made is less than the mean expansion coefficient α_{20-T} , between 20°C and the temperature T , of the Fe-Ni alloy of which the shadow mask is made, and
- the said temperature T_1 is less than 350°C and preferably less than 300°C.

2. Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the hardened Fe-Ni alloy of which the support frame is made is an Fe-Ni alloy of the "γ'-hardened" type whose chemical composition comprises, by weight:

$$40.5\% \leq \text{Ni} + \text{Co} + \text{Cu} \leq 43.5\%$$

$$0\% \leq \text{Co} \leq 5\%$$

$$0\% \leq \text{Cu} \leq 3\%$$

$$1.5\% \leq \text{Ti} \leq 3.5\%$$

5 $0.05\% \leq \text{Al} \leq 1\%$

$$\text{C} \leq 0.05\%$$

$$\text{Si} \leq 0.5\%$$

$$\text{Mn} \leq 0.5\%$$

$$\text{S} \leq 0.01\%$$

10 $\text{P} \leq 0.02\%$

the balance being iron and impurities resulting from the smelting,

and the Fe-Ni alloy of which the shadow mask is made is an Fe-Ni alloy whose composition comprises, by weight:

15 $32\% \leq \text{Ni} + \text{Co} + \text{Cu} \leq 37\%$

$$0\% \leq \text{Co} \leq 5.5\%$$

$$0\% \leq \text{Cu} \leq 2\%$$

$$0\% \leq \text{Nb} + \text{Ta} + \text{Mo} + \text{W} + \text{Zr} \leq 2\%$$

$$0 \leq \text{Mn} \leq 0.5\%$$

20 $\text{Si} < 0.2\%$

$$\text{C} < 0.02\%$$

$$\text{S} < 0.01\%$$

$$\text{P} < 0.02\%$$

the balance being iron and impurities resulting from the smelting.

3. Device according to Claim 2, characterized in that the chemical composition of the Fe-Ni alloy of which the shadow mask is made is such that:

$$32\% \leq \text{Ni} + \text{Co} + \text{Cu} \leq 35.5\%$$

30 $0\% \leq \text{Co} \leq 4\%$

$$0\% \leq \text{Cu} \leq 2\%$$

$$0\% \leq \text{Nb} + \text{Ta} + \text{Mo} + \text{W} + \text{Zr} < 0.2\%.$$

4. Device according to Claim 2, characterized in that the chemical composition of the Fe-Ni alloy of which the shadow mask is made is such that:

35 $33.5\% \leq \text{Ni} + \text{Co} + \text{Cu} \leq 37\%$

$$0\% \leq \text{Co} \leq 5.5\%$$

$$0\% \leq \text{Cu} \leq 2\%$$

$$0.2\% \leq \text{Nb} + \text{Ta} + \text{Mo} + \text{W} + \text{Zr} \leq 2\%.$$

5. Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the hardened Fe-Ni alloy of which the support frame is made is an Fe-Ni alloy of the "γ'-hardened" type whose chemical composition comprises, by weight:

5 $43.5\% \leq \text{Ni} + \text{Co} + \text{Cu} \leq 45.5\%$

$0\% \leq \text{Co} \leq 5\%$

$0\% \leq \text{Cu} \leq 3\%$

$1.5\% \leq \text{Ti} \leq 3.5\%$

$0.05\% \leq \text{Al} \leq 1\%$

10 $\text{C} \leq 0.05\%$

$\text{Si} \leq 0.5\%$

$\text{Mn} \leq 0.5\%$

$\text{S} \leq 0.01\%$

$\text{P} \leq 0.02\%$

15 the balance being iron and impurities resulting from the smelting.

and the Fe-Ni alloy of which the shadow mask is made is an Fe-Ni alloy whose chemical composition comprises, by weight:

20 $35.5\% \leq \text{Ni} + \text{Co} + \text{Cu} \leq 37\%$

$0\% \leq \text{Co} \leq 5.5\%$

$0\% \leq \text{Cu} \leq 2\%$

$0 \leq \text{Mn} \leq 0.5\%$

$\text{Si} < 0.2\%$

25 $\text{C} < 0.02\%$

$\text{S} < 0.01\%$

$\text{P} < 0.02\%$

the balance being iron and impurities resulting from the smelting.

30 6. Tensioned shadow mask, characterized in that the chemical composition of the Fe-Ni alloy is such that:

$32\% \leq \text{Ni} + \text{Co} + \text{Cu} \leq 35.5\%$

$0\% \leq \text{Co} \leq 4\%$

35 $0\% \leq \text{Cu} \leq 2\%$

$0\% \leq \text{Nb} + \text{Ta} + \text{Mo} + \text{W} + \text{Zr} < 0.2\%$

7. Tensioned shadow mask, characterized in that the chemical composition of the Fe-Ni alloy is such that:

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$$33.5\% \leq \text{Ni} + \text{Co} + \text{Cu} \leq 37\%$$

$$0\% \leq \text{Co} \leq 5.5\%$$

$$0\% \leq \text{Cu} \leq 2\%$$

$$0.2\% \leq \text{Nb} + \text{Ta} + \text{Mo} + \text{W} + \text{Zr} \leq 2\%.$$

- 5 8. Device according to Claim 1, characterized in that the hardened Fe-Ni alloy of which the frame is made is a hardened Fe-Ni alloy of the "beryllium-hardened" type, of the "carbide-hardened" type or of the "solid-solution-hardened" type.

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